Amalgamation of Sports Institutes

497. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2460 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the legal formalities of amalgamation of the Sports Authority of India, Sports Institute at Patiala and NIS has since been completed;

(b) whether Government are considering to bring them under one umbrella; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) On the Government deciding to bring the two societies together, the societies have gone through legal formalities and have already decided to amalgamate by adopting Resolutions necessary for this purpose.

गुजरात के लिए संचार सुविधाएं

498. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात में संचार सुविधाओं को बढ़ाने और उन्हें अधिक कुशल बनाने के लिए आगामी दो वर्षों के योजना लक्ष्य क्या हैं ;

(ख) क्या राज्य आर्थिक दृष्टि से पिछड़े जिलों और औद्योगिक दृष्टि से पिछड़े अर्थात् साबरकांथा, सुरेन्द्र नगर, पंचमहल, भड़ौच और डांग क्षेत्रों को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर यह अनिवार्य सेवा उपलब्ध कराने के संबंध में कोई योजना है, और

(ग) इस मांग को कब तक पूरा किए जाने की संभावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव) : (क) वर्ष 1987–88 और 1988-89 के दौरान लगभग 60,000 लाइनों की टेलीफोन क्षमता में वृद्धि किए जाने की योजना है ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) उपर्युक्त भाग (ख) में उल्लिखित प्रमुख पंच जिलों में पहले से ही आवश्यक दूर संचार सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं ।

Conversion of Manual Telephone Exchanges into Automatic ones

499. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the conversion of all manual telephone exchanges in the country into automatic ones;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following objectives have been set up for the conversion of manual telephone exchanges into automatic exchanges during the 7th Five Year Plan.

(i) Automatisation of manual exchanges at all District Headquarters.

(ii) Conversion of manual exchanges of capacity between 400 and 800 lines into automatic exchanges of MAX-II type.

(iii) Conversion of manual exchanges with capacity more than 800 lines as on 1-4-1985 into automatic exchanges of MAX-I type.